

EPH 4: 17-24

THE CHRISTLESS LIFE AND CONVERSION

(A TOTALLY NEW LIFESTYLE)

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE -- IS DEFINED IN --
HOW WE LIVE OUR LIVES --

THAT IS:

ALL WE DO -- AND -- ALL WE SAY -- IS
A PART -- & (A VITAL PART) -- OF THE
CHRISTIAN

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A "NEW" LIFE
"WITH"

VS 13 "THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST -- IN HIM"

THE HOLY SPIRIT -- IS IN THE -- "NEW"
MAN --

"WHICH"

BRINGS -- UNITY -- & -- POWER -- INTO
OUR LIVES -- TO QUICKEN & CHANGE --

"SO:"

PAUL SAYS:

THIS I SAY -- "THEREFORE"
(SOLEMNLY)

BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN -- "SAVED" --
AND -- "SEALED"

"DON'T"

KEEP LIVING LIKE GENTILES:
AND "EMPTY SOULS" -- "FUTILITY OF MIND" --

AND
I SAY THIS "IN" & "WITH" THE LORD'S
PRESENCE "TESTIFY" WITH HIM (17)
(APPROVAL)

"YOU MUST NOT WALK AS OTHER GENTILES
WALK"

"BECAUSE"

(YOU CANNOT GET AWAY WITH IT)

"GENTILE" HERE "NOT MEANING" (JUST
NOT) A JEW

"BUT"

A HUMAN BEING "WITHOUT CHRIST"

"HEATHEN" (WHAT WE ONCE WERE)

THEY LIVE & WALK:

"IN THE VANITY OF THEIR MIND" (17)
IN "FOLLY" & "FUTILITY"

- EMPTY - FALLEN - MINDS "CONTROLLED"
(BY THEIR FALLEN & DARKENED -
"STATE OF BEING")

"CHRISTLESS LIFE" - WITHOUT THE
HOLY SPIRIT

HERE:

PAUL DESCRIBES THIS STATE:

2] THE CONDITION OF THE LOST - (17-19)

THE BEHAVIOUR OF A BELIEVER SHOULD
BE "RADICALLY" DIFFERENT -

PAUL SAYS:

"OTHER GENTILES"

"THE UNCONVERTED"

THEY ARE LIVING IN "TOTAL BLINDNESS"
TO "SPIRITUAL THINGS"

YOU SEE:

THEY DON'T HAVE THE "RENEWAL"
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - (23)

AS CHRISTIANS - WE HAVE THE "HOLY SPIRIT"

TO LED US:

IN WHAT WE BELIEVE AND
HOW WE BEHAVE

PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF CHRIST -
CANNOT THINK STRAIGHT ON -
MORAL & SPIRITUAL ISSUES

"SO"

NEVER ALLOW A LOST PERSON "TO"

INFLUENCE YOUR LIFE TO

"CHANGE YOU"

NOTICE: THE LOST CONDITION OF
MEN — WITH GOD —

① THEY WALK — IN THE "VANITY" OF
THEIR MIND — ①⑦

"VANITY" TRANSLATED IN THIS FORM
— APPEARS — HERE, & 2 OTHER PLACES —

(IN ROMANS 8:20) IT DESCRIBES
"THE MISERY" — OF THE FALLEN
NATURE — AS A RESULT — OF THE
CURSE —

"THE CREATION WAS MADE
SUBJECT TO VANITY"

(IN 2 PETER 2:17-18)

PETER — DESCRIBING THOSE WHO SAY
THEY ARE CHRISTIAN — & — ARE IN
REALITY — "APOSTATES" —

"WELLS WITHOUT WATER" — &
CLOUDS CARRIED WITH A TEMPEST —

&
— TO WHOM "THE MIST OF DARKNESS"
IS "RESERVED" FOREVER —

"AND"

THEY SPEAK — GREAT — SWELLING
WORDS — "OF VANITY"

==

THIS VANITY HERE: (EMPTY + DANGEROUS)
DO NOT ~~BE~~ BE LIKE THEM;

③ THEIR UNDERSTANDING IS DARKENED - ⁽¹⁸⁾

— MAN'S DARK UNDERSTANDING —

① CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS —

BELIEVE THAT — DEATH IS NOT
REAL — & "PAIN" IS AN ERROR
OF THE MORTAL MIND —

② MORMONS BELIEVE — — — THEY CAN
BECOME GODS — LITTLE g —

③ HINDUS BELIEVE — — — DEPENDING
ON — HOW WE BEHAVE IN THIS LIFE
— WE MIGHT RETURN FROM THE
DEAD — AS A "HUMAN" OR "COW"
OR "COCK ROACH" —

④ THE HUMANIST — — — BELIEVE THAT
MAN — IS ESSENTIALLY GOOD —
AND FULLY ABLE TO COPE —
WITH MORAL PROBLEMS —

THIS IS:

CONDONING — LAWLESSNESS — &
LUST —

⑤ THE UNDERSTANDING -- OF THE LOST
-- IS DARKNESS - (18)

"SO"

"THEY CUT THEMSELVES OFF --
"ALIENATE" -- THEMSELVES FROM
-- THE LIFE OF GOD"

"LEAVING"

"INDWELLING IGNORANCE" -- OF
GOD --

(WHICH THEY WERE CREATED
FOR)

YOU SEE

GOD INTENDED THE -- HUMAN SPIRIT
-- TO BE INHABITED -- BY THE
-- HOLY SPIRIT -- WHO WOULD:

"ENLIGHTEN" MAN'S INTELLECT --

"ENNOBLE" THE "EMOTIONS" --

"UNITE" MAN'S WILL -- WITH GOD --

BUT

VS (18) NO, BECAUSE THEIR HEART IS BLIND

⑥ THEIR DARKNESS IS -- SELF-PERPETUATING

-- (19)

"BEING PASSED FEELING"

THAT IS:

WITH NO SPIRITUAL

CONCERN -- "WITH APATHY"

"50"

③ THEY WALK ~ WITH BLINDNESS

THEY CONSIDER THEIR BLINDNESS ~
"AS LIGHT"

(MATT 6:23) "IF, THEREFORE, THE ~~END~~
LIGHT ~ THAT IS IN THEE ~ BE DARKNESS,
~ HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS"

— JUST LOOK & LISTEN:

VS 19 "AMP"

THEY HAVE ~ LOST THEIR SENSE OF
WRONG ~ CALLING GOOD "EVIL" &
EVIL "GOOD" —

"HAVE ABANDONED
THEMSELVES" ~ TO UNBRIDLED ~
SENSUALITY ~ EAGER AND GREEDY
"TO ENDOULGE" "IN EVERY FORM"
OF IMPURITY ~ "THEY FOLLOW
WHATEVER" ~ THEY DESIRE" —

(MARK 7:22)

THEY GIVE THEMSELVES UP ~
~ TO LASCIVIOUSNESS ~ TO WORK ALL
UNCLEANNES ~ WITH GREEDINESS —

THUS:

"THE CHRISTLESS LIFE" ~ NOW
~~THE~~

— THE CONVERTED LIFE —

@ 6-24

II THE LIFE THAT HAS BEEN CONVERTED —

(JESUS TOLD) "PETER" — WHEN YOU ARE
CONVERTED — TEACH THE BROTHERN —

[(VS 20) "BUT" — YOU HAVE NOT SO LEARNED
CHRIST —]

"YOU DID NOT GET TO CHRIST
BY — CHRISTLESS LIVING"

① THE CONVERSION EXPERIENCE —

"THE GOSPEL" — "RECEIVED"

BY FAITH:

WE ACCEPT — "AND"

WE RECEIVE — CHRIST — AS SAVIOR —

"WE"

[ARE "CLEANSED" BY HIS BLOOD — &]

"REGENERATED" BY HIS SPIRIT —

"THE"

[HOLY SPIRIT TAKES UP RESIDENCE —]

"IN" OUR "HUMAN" SPIRIT —

"MAKING IT"

[POSSIBLE FOR THE SAVED PERSON]

TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP — WITH GOD —

"TO COOPERATE"

[WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT — TO LIVE-LIFE]

AS GOD INTENDED IT TO BE —]

(B) THE ENLIGHTENED LIFE - (21)

A LIFE - GOVERNED BY - THE
HOLY SPIRIT -

"THE TRUTH IS IN JESUS" (21)

(1) LIFE IS NOT GAINED BY -
"OUR BEHAVIOUR" - PRAISE GOD!
"BUT"

"IN JESUS" - A PERSON -

"NOT" -

PRACTICE - OF A CREED OR CODE

"NO" - NOT A PRECEPT OR PRINCIPLE

"PRINCIPLE" - NO NO NO

"BUT"

(A PERSON - A SAVIOUR - JESUS)

(2) LIFE IS A RENEWAL - (23)
"OF YOUR MIND" (AMP)

"THE HOLY SPIRIT" - BRINGS THE
MIND OF CHRIST - INTO THE
HUMAN PERSONALITY

(23)

I] THE CONATION OF THE LOST -
II] THE LIFE OF THE CONVERTED -
III] THE CHANGE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN -
(VS 22, 24)

(A) THE OLD DESIRES - PUT OFF - (22)

THE MAN THE CHRISTIAN - USED TO BE -
WAS PUT TO DEATH - WITH CHRIST

- PUT HIM OFF - DISCARD HIM -
"BECAUSE"

"HE HAS CORRUPT DESIRES & HABITS"
8 (28-29-30)

WE STILL HAVE AN ATTRACTION TO HIS
-- DECAYING CARCASS --
"WHICH"

"BIDS" - FOR OUR ATTENTION -

"WE MUST"

"PUT HIM OFF" - SAY NO
HOW

BY THE RENEWED MIND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

(B) BY PUTTING ON - OUR NEW NATURE - (24)

- THE REGENERATED "SELF-CREATED" IN JESUS -

ACT OF GOD - GOD'S IMAGE & LIKENESS -
(DISPLAYING THE LOVE & LOVELYNESS OF JESUS)
OUR NEW - GOD LIKE NATURE - OF

HOLINESS & RIGHTEOUSNESS

WHICH IS: (24) AND STOP
- GOD LIKE -- AFTER GOD -- MOVE
TO BOOK II
THAT IS:

THE NATURE OF GOD -- "TO"

- ① BE FAITHFUL - (25-27)
- ② BE FRUITFUL - (28-32)
- ③ BE IN FELLOWSHIP - NEXT
CH 4 (VS 25-32) -- IN BOOK II

PUT OFF ~ PUT ON ~ PUT AWAY
(25-27) NEW DISPOSITION

- ① DEEDS OF THE TONGUE - (25)
- ② DEMANDS IN THE TEMPER - (26)
- ③ DECEPTION IN THE TEMPTER - (27)

(28-30) NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE

- ① HOW WE WALK - 28
- ② HOW WE TALK - 29